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SUBJ KSEC SHIPYARD AT OKPO

REF A) STATE 136708; B) SEOUL 4552

1. REGRET MISUNDERSTANDING USE OF TERM "SMOKESCREEN".  
INCLUSION OF "AS A RESULT OF PARSONS AND OTHERS BEING  
UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH NAMKOONG AND DISCUSS POSSI-  
BILITY OF U.S. SOURCING " AS PREFACE TO PARA 6 REF A  
WILL HOPEFULLY CLARIFY OUR CONCERN REGARDING VISABLE  
DIRECTION THAT NAMKOONG'S VISIT HAS TAKEN. FURTHER, IT  
APPEARS THAT NAMKOONG MAY HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY DECIDED,  
BEFORE ARRIVING LATEST VISIT TO U.S., WITH WHOM HE INTENDS  
TO NEGOTIATE AND THAT, IN FINAL ANALYSIS, MUCH OF EQUIP-  
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MENT MAY NOT BE PROCURED FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS. WE

THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY EMBASSY,  
ACTION RECOMMENDED REF A IS STILL PERTINENT AND ADVISABLE.

2. MSSRS. LEE, CHOI AND HO NAMKOONG MET JULY 17 WITH  
ASST. SEC. BLACKWELL AND ASKED FOR LIST OF U.S. FIRMS  
CAPABLE OF HANDLING ENGINEERING AT OKPO YARD. LIST WAS  
COMPILED BY MARAD AND PRESENTED BY MEPD TO KSEC PRES  
NAMKOONG AT SIGNING OF LOAN DOCUMENTS AT EX-IM JULY 18.  
SUGGESTION ALSO MADE AT THAT TIME THAT PARSONS HAS A  
SALES V.P. IN THEIR WASH. OFFICE AND THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD  
BE VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH NAMKOONG AT LATTER'S  
CONVENIENCE. PARSONS ADVISES HOWEVER THAT NAMKOONG HAS  
NOT, REPEAT NOT, YET MADE CONTACT WITH THEM.

3. CHOI REQUESTED FROM DOC AT EX-IM CEREMONY LIST OF  
MFGS OF SHIPYARD EQUIPMENT. HAVE AGREED TO FURNISH THIS  
LIST BUT AT SAME TIME WILL AGAIN REITERATE BELIEF THAT  
TURNKEY OPERATION IS MOST SENSIBLE APPROACH. IN ANY EVENT,  
UNTIL ENGINEERING DEFINITION IS AVAILABLE, WE DO NOT KNOW  
WHAT EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED.

4. REFERENCE BELIEF AS STATED IN REF B THAT GOLIATH  
GANTRY CRANES AND N/C PLATE CUTTERS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE  
IN U.S., A CHECK WITH INDUSTRY REVEALS TWO U.S. MFGS. WHO  
CLAIM CAPABILITY FOR THE CRANES (CLYDE IRON WORKS AND  
ALLIANCE MACHINE CO.) AND AT LEAST THREE MFGS. OF PLATE  
CUTTERS (AIRCO) UNION CARBIDE AND CHEMETRON). WHILE WE  
DO NOT KNOW IF THEIR EQUIPMENT MEETS THE SPECIFIC PER-  
FORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS REQUIRED IN THIS CASE, WE  
BELIEVE IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME,  
TO SUGGEST THESE COMPANIES BE SURVEYED DURING PROCUREMENT  
PROCEEDINGS.  
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